



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Midwesterners are known for their authenticity, world-class work ethic, and problem-solving skills; and
- WHEREAS: The Midwest creates high-value goods in agriculture and advanced manufacturing and is home to a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship that is helping the region emerge as a leader in biosciences, advanced energy, and other technologies; and
- WHEREAS: The Midwest's quality of life—low crime, world-class educational institutions, short commutes, affordable cost of living, vibrant culture, and breathtaking natural beauty—makes it attractive to corporate enterprises looking for an ideal location to start, move, or expand a business; and
- WHEREAS: In an increasingly competitive global economy, regional collaboration is necessary for the Midwest to reach its full potential. For 50 years, the Midwestern Governors Association has worked to support the efforts of the region's Governors to advance the Midwest's economy and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
September 26, 2012 as:

AMERICA'S SMARTLAND DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State
of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol
this 24th day of September.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE